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Mr. Eugene Tuttle
Natural Organic Fertilizer
507 North Eighteenth Street,
Lamesa, Texas 79331

Subject: Approval Status, Sam #116 Mine and Natural Organic Mill, Natural
Organic Fertilizer, S/019/052 and S/019/054, Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

Thank you for submitting annual reports for the referenced operations. Both of these reports indicate no mining operations will be conducted until the permits are approved. Our records indicate both notices of intention were accepted.

You requested three variances for the Sam #116 Mine, but the Division has not yet had the opportunity to visit this site and verify whether these variances are justified. After I visited your mill site last summer, it was too dark to find the mine area. I will try to get to the area some time this spring. Although you have authorization from the Division to disturb the site, the variances are not approved until we have inspected the mine area.

Your notice for the mill site has been accepted, but the permit fees have not been paid in two years. Failure to pay permit fees suspends an operator's approval to mine and may eventually be cause for revocation of a Notice of Intention. A copy of the most recent billing statement is enclosed for the mill site.

I appreciate your cooperation. If you have questions about this letter, please call me at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker, Reclamation Biologist
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Enclosure: Billing Statement